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HAIRDRESSING FOIL

(57) Colouring is applied to the "tips" of hair pulled through the aperture.

Claim

1. An element for use in hair treatment, said element consisting of a generally planar sheet of material, said sheet being provided with at least one aperture.

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Complete Specification for the invention entitled:

HAIRDRESSING FOIL

The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the best method of performing it known to me:—

1 This invention relates to hairdressing techniques, and
2 in particular relates to the practice of having 'tips' put
3 in ones hair.

4 It is for many people at present desirable to have the
5 ends of ones hair coloured, in discrete areas. Such
6 coloured portions are known as tips, and it is necessary to
7 be able to isolate swatches of hair from the surrounding
8 mass of hair to enable the procedure to be carried out.

9 At present, there are two methods used by hairdressers
10 in Australia to produce 'tips', that is, to isolate and
11 colour the swatches of hair concerned. One method is to use
12 an elasticised cap which fits over the head. The cap has
13 small slits or holes, and hair is pulled through the slits
14 using a tool like a crochet hook. Such a procedure is slow,
15 and is often painful, and at best, uncomfortable, because
16 the cap compresses the hair and makes it difficult to pull
17 it up through the slits.

18 The other prior art method is to use metal foil which
19 can be folded around areas of hair to isolate it.

20 It is an object of this invention to provide a more
21 efficient hair isolating medium which will be more
22 comfortable to the person being treated.

23 The invention provides an element for use in hair
24 treatment, said element consisting of a generally planar
25 sheet of material, said sheet being provided with at least
26 one aperture.

27 Embodiments of the invention will be described in
28 detail hereinafter, with reference to the accompanying
29 drawings, in which:-

1 Figure 1 shows plan views of four sizes of a first
2 embodiment of hairdressing foils according to the invention:

3 Figure 2 shows end views of the foils of Figure 1;

4 Figure 3 shows plan views of four sizes of hairdressing
5 foils according to a second embodiment of the invention;

6 Figure 4 shows end views of the foils of Figure 3;

7 Figure 5 shows plan views of four sizes of hairdressing
8 foils according to a third embodiment;

9 Figure 6 shows end views of the foils of Figure 5;

10 Figure 7 shows plan views of four sizes of hairdressing
11 foils according to a fourth embodiment of the invention;

12 Figure 8 shows end views of the foils of Figure 7; and

13 Figure 9 to 14 inclusive show a number of different
14 aperture configurations.

15 Turning firstly to Figure 7, the hairdressing foils 10
16 of the first embodiment of the invention are generally
17 rectangular, and are made from aluminium foil of a grade
18 stronger and thicker than, for example, domestic foil. In
19 Figure 8, the thickness is of necessity exaggerated. Of
20 course, any suitable material can be used.

21 Centrally, each foil 10 has a row of apertures 12
22 located in a straight line, at right angles to the
23 longitudinal direction of the foil. In the three larger
24 sizes, seven circular holes are shown (see Figure 9)
25 although nine may be used in the largest size. Although
26 the numbers may be varied, it is helpful for the width
27 (diameter) of each hole be sufficient to enable a swatch of
28 hair(s) to be easily drawn therethrough.

29 In Figure 5, the foils 14 have a single narrow aperture

1 16, running across each foil. In Figure 3, the foils 18
2 have a single longitudinal aperture 20. In Figure 1, the
3 foils 22 have an oblique aperture 24; clearly the foils 22
4 could be reversed, to provide an opposed oblique aperture.

5 Figures 10 to 14 illustrates some alternative
6 preferred, aperture configurations: square (26, Figure 10)
7 triangular (28, Figure 12) diamond-shaped (30, Figure 13)
8 rectangular (32, Figure 11) star-shaped (34, Figure 14). Of
9 course, other configurations may be used. Rows of
10 apertures in a particular foil may be constituted by any
11 combination of configurations. One or more apertures may be
12 located in any position or pattern.

13 To use the foils of this invention, the selected size
14 foil is pressed to the hair, and a swatch of hair is drawn
15 through an aperture. The swatch may then be treated with
16 colour, and the foil may then be folded about the
17 aperture(s) to clear the way for the next operation. The
18 procedure using the foils of this invention is easier and
19 faster than prior art techniques as the foil is not held
20 close to the scalp compressing the hair, as occurs with the
21 elasticised cap, but is held gently to the hair while the
22 hair is drawn gently through the larger apertures in the
23 foil of the present invention.

24 The entire contents of the provisional specifications
25 lodged with Australian Patent Applications of which this is
26 the complete specification are hereby imported into this
27 specification and form part of the disclosure of this
28 specification. The claims form part of the disclosure of
29 this specification.

1 The claims defining the invention are as follows:

2 1. An element for use in hair treatment, said element
3 consisting of a generally planar sheet of material, said
4 sheet being provided with at least one aperture.

5 2. An element according to claim 1, wherein said sheet is
6 adapted to be folded about the general region of said
7 aperture.

8 3. An element according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein
9 said or each aperture is or is located on, a straight line.

10 4. An element according to any preceding claim wherein
11 said or each aperture is generally located in the central
12 region of said element.

13 5. An element according to any preceding claim, wherein
14 there is a plurality of apertures.

15 6. An element according to claim 5, wherein each said
16 aperture is circular.

17 7. An element according to any preceding claim, wherein
18 said element is rectangular.

19 8. An element according to claim 7, wherein said or each
20 aperture is located generally centrally intermediate the
21 short ends of said rectangle.

22 9. An element according to any preceding claim, wherein
23 said element is made from a metal foil.

24 10. An element according to claim 9 wherein the metal is
25 aluminium.

26 11. A hairdressing foil substantially as herein described
27 with reference to Figures 7, 8 and 9, 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5
28 and 6 or any one of Figures 10 to 14 modifying any one of
29 Figures 1 to 8 of the accompanying drawings.

1 12. The articles, things, parts, elements, steps, features,
2 methods, processes, compounds and compositions referred to
3 or indicated in the specification and/or claims of the
4 application individually or collectively, and any and all
5 combinations of any two or more of such.

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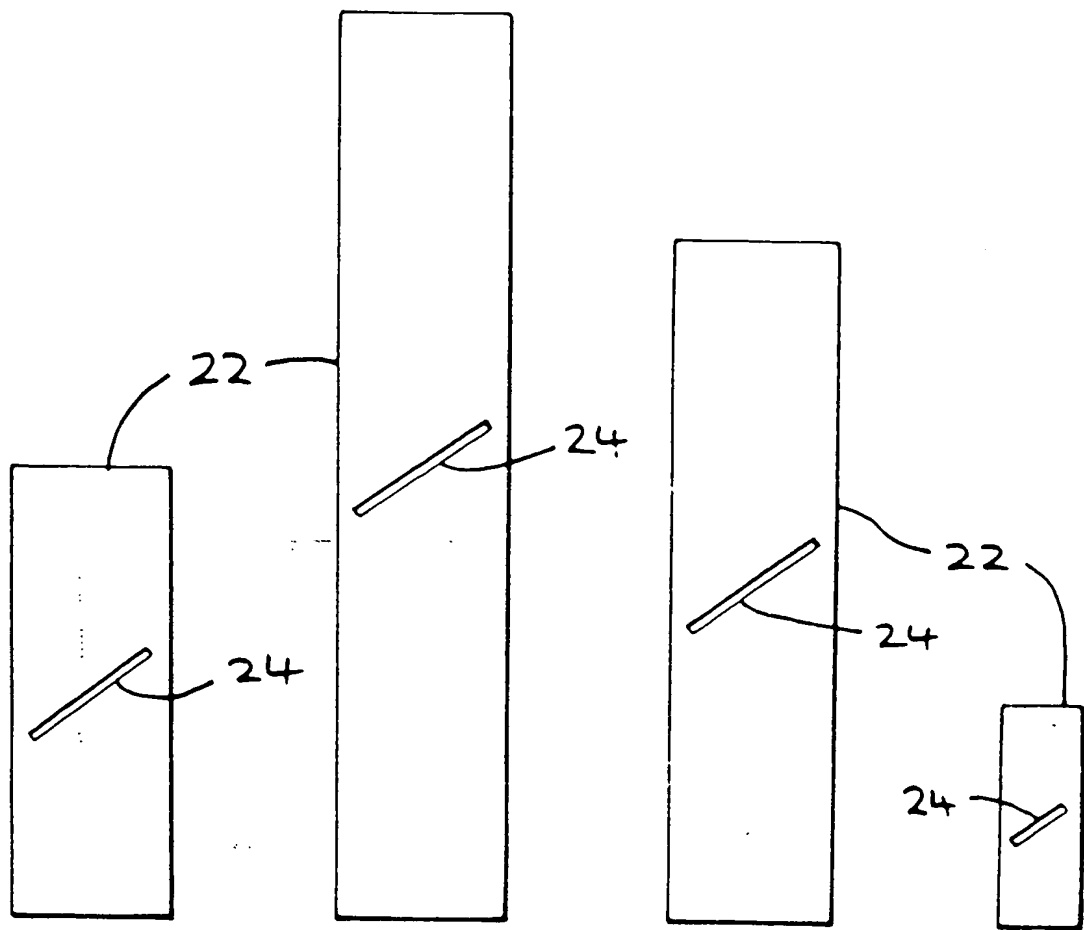


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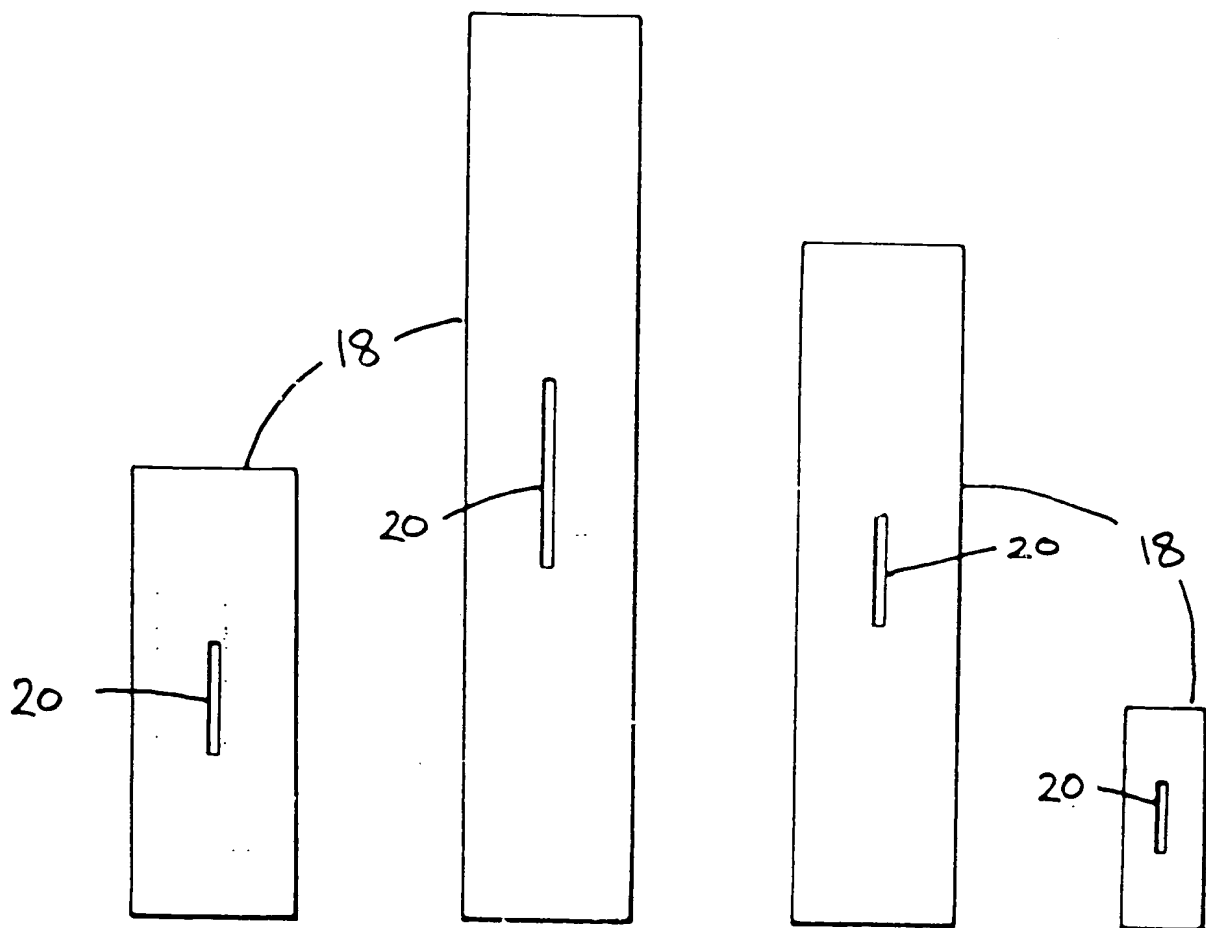
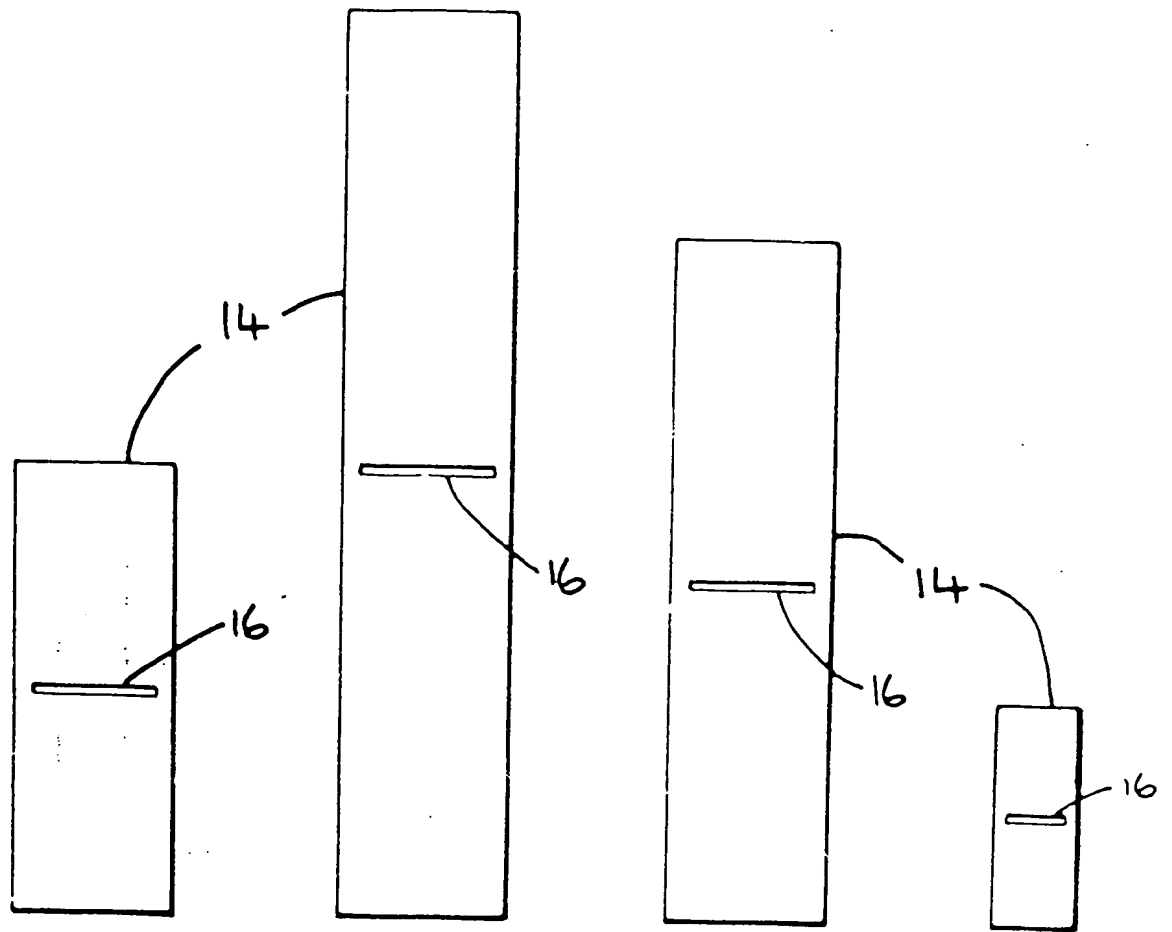


FIG 3.



FIG 4.

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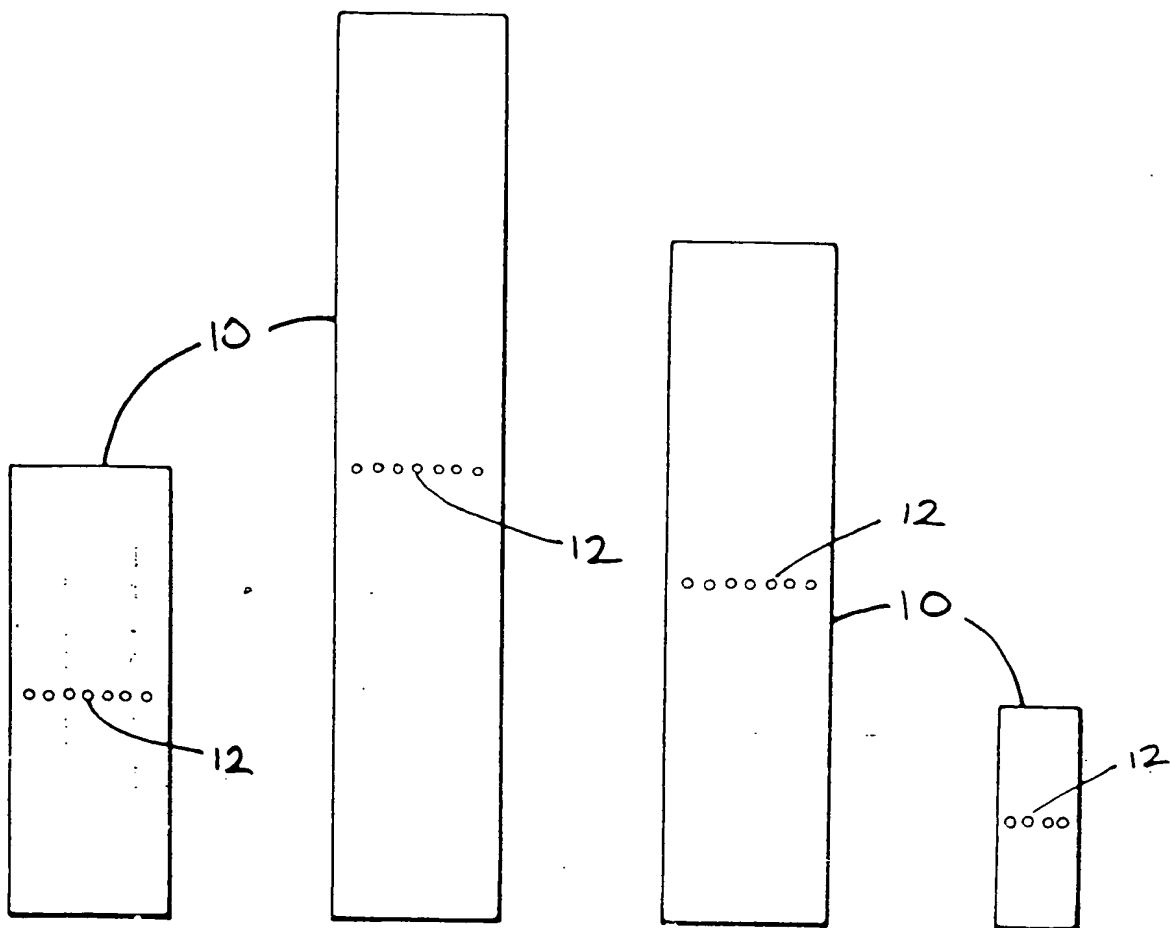


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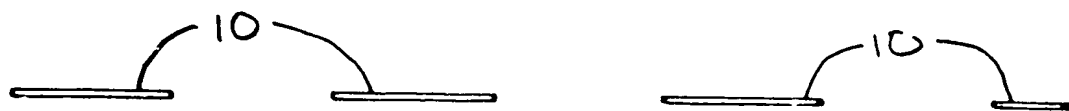


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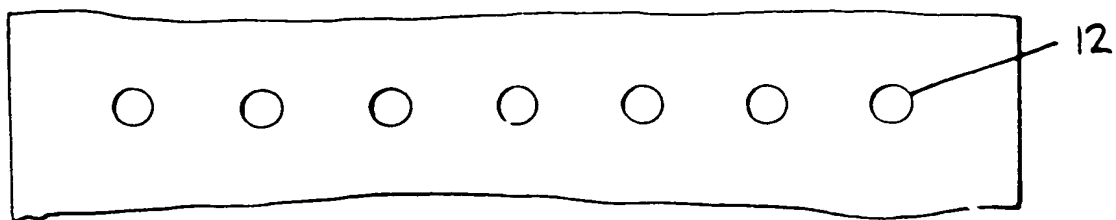


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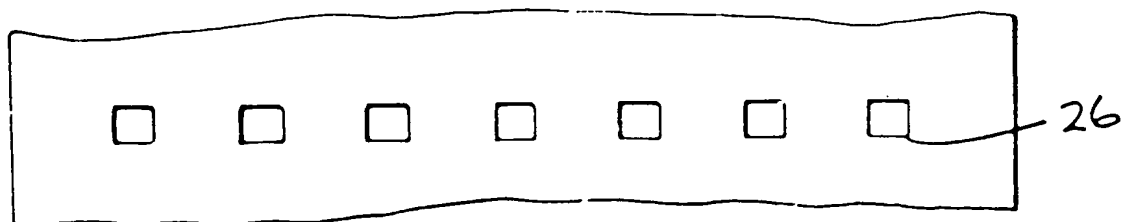


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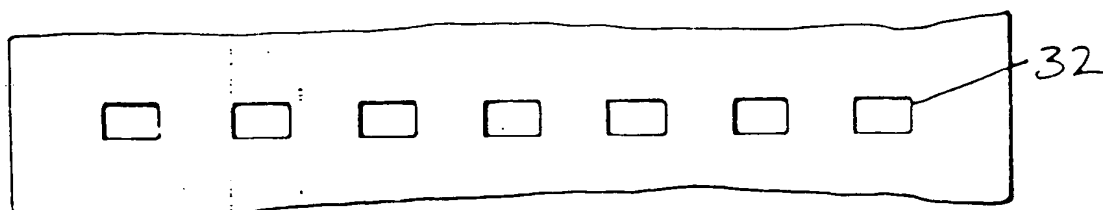


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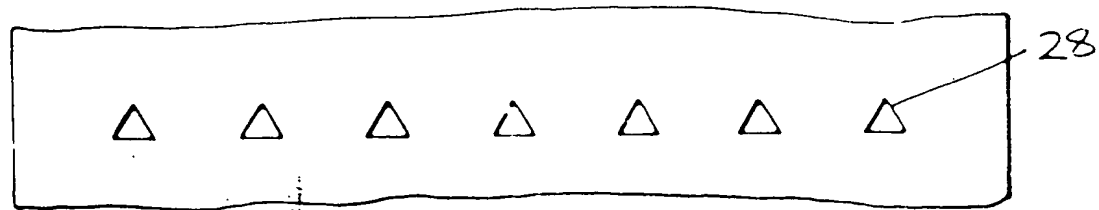


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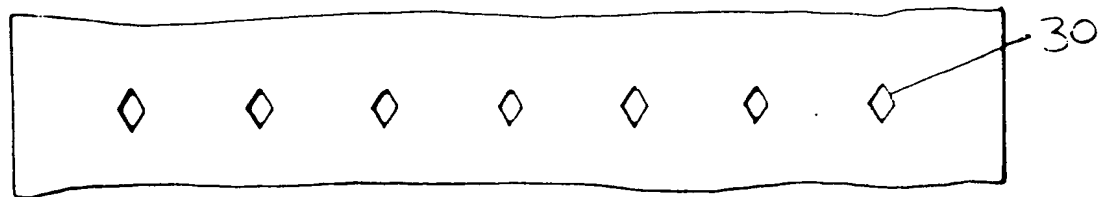


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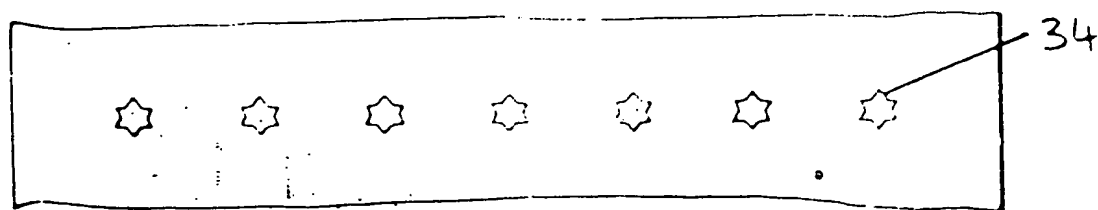


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